

# Trauma Reimbursement News



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## HORNE CPA GROUP SETS STATEWIDE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

*Do you have questions about the on-line reimbursement program, where to send your refunds, and which patients to include? These and other important trauma reimbursement issues will be covered during the Regional Trauma Workshops.*

*Changes and updates for the 2003 claim year, procedures and questions about the reimbursement process will be discussed. Meetings usually last about one hour. If you are unable to attend a meeting in your region, please feel free to attend another regional meeting.*

REGION	DATE / TIME	LOCATION
Central	Wednesday, January 14, 2004, 9:00 AM	Rankin Medical Center, North Annex (red brick building past hospital), Brandon
Coastal	Thursday, January 15, 10:00 AM	Memorial Hospital of Gulfport, South Building Auditorium
Delta	Tuesday, January 13, 3:00 PM	Greenwood-Leflore Hospital Conference Room by cafeteria, Greenwood
East Central	Monday, January 12, 3:00 PM	Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center Auditorium, Meridian
North	Tuesday, January 13, 9:00 AM	North MS Medical Center Auditorium, Tupelo
Southeast	Thursday, January 15, 3:00 PM	Forrest General Hospital, Elm Room (off cafeteria), Hattiesburg
Southwest	Wednesday, January 14, 3:00 PM	King's Daughters Medical Center Board Room, Brookhaven

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## Statistics 2002 Trauma Care Trust Fund

The 2002 Trauma Care Trust Fund distributed a total of \$7,543,809 to hospitals and physicians in the Mississippi trauma network. The following statistics show the details of the allocation since the Fund's inception in 1999:

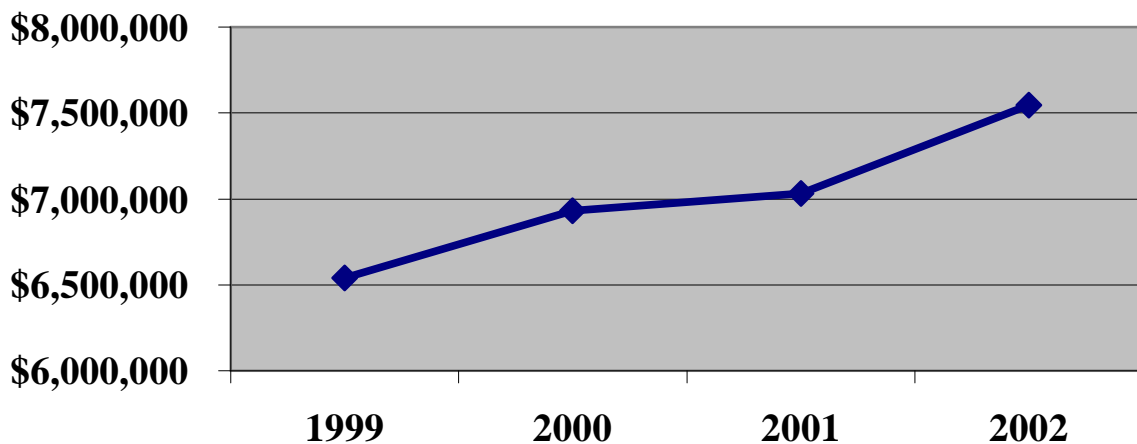
### Fund Distribution for Uncompensated Care 1999 – 2002

	2002	2001	2000	1999
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,543,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,030,484.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,931,988.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,538,545.00</b>
Total Hospital Fund	5,280,666.30	4,921,338.80	4,852,391.60	4,576,981.50
Total Surgeon Fund	1,823,415.40	1,829,106.66	2,079,596.40	1,961,563.50
*Total Anesthesiologist Fund	439,727.30	280,038.54	N/A	N/A

Participating Hospitals	70	70	67	65
Participating Physicians	363	314	216	157

\*Anesthesiologists did not become eligible to participate in the Fund until claim year January – December 2001.

### **Total Fund Distribution** **1999 - 2002**



## Statistics 2002 Trauma Care Trust Fund



### *Top 10 CPT codes - Physicians, including Anesthesiologists*

Code	Description	Frequency
99231	Subsequent hospital care	1695
99232	Subsequent hospital care	940
99233	Subsequent hospital care	611
99291	Critical care, first hour	559
99223	Initial hospital care	469
94657	Continued ventilator mgmt	323
99222	Initial hospital care	313
99238	Hospital discharge day	291
36620	Insertion catheter, artery	250
99221	Initial hospital care	126

### *Top 10 DRG's*

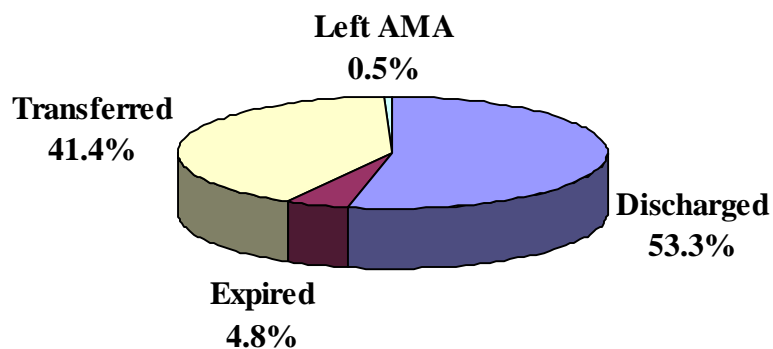
Code	Description	Frequency
219	LOW EXTREM&HUMER PROC EX HIP,FOOT,FEMUR AGE>17 W/O CC	141
486	OTHER O.R. PROCEDURES FOR MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	110
487	OTHER MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	85
281	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS + BREAST AGE >17 W/O CC	73
243	MEDICAL BACK PROBLEMS	62
218	LOW EXTREM & HUMER PROC EX HIP,FOOT,FEMUR AGE >17 W CC	60
27	TRAUMATIC STUPOR+ COMA. COMA>1HR	51
211	HIP +FEMUR PROCEDURES EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT AGE >17 W/O CC	44
483	TRACHEOSTOMY EXCEPT FOR FACE MOUTH & NECK DIAGNOSES	43
2	CRANIOTOMY FOR TRAUMA AGE >17	39

### Breakdown by Type of Hospital Case:

Number of Non-Inpatient Cases	2,134
Number of Inpatient Cases	1,967
Total Number of Cases	4,101

Non-IP Descriptions	Number	Percent to Total
Discharged	1,138	53.33 %
Expired	103	4.83 %
Transferred	883	41.38 %
Left AMA	10	0.47 %
Total Non-Inpatient Cases	2134	100 %

### 2002 Non-Inpatient Case Resolutions



### Number of Patients Benefiting from Trauma Fund:

Physician Patients	2,021
Anesthesiologist Patients	1,255
Hospital Patients	3,611



## Other Information

### **Regional Medical Center at Memphis Participates in Mississippi Trauma Care Trust Fund**

The Regional Medical Center at Memphis (MED) became the first non-Mississippi hospital to join the Mississippi trauma network and participate in the Trauma Care Trust Fund in claim year 2002. The MED was allowed to submit claims for uncompensated trauma care for Mississippi-injured patients. For the 2002 year, the MED submitted 186 claims. Sixteen MED physicians also submitted claims. The MED's total hospital and physician reimbursement was capped at in the 2002 claim year at \$500,000, but no cap will be in effect in future years.

### **On-Line Reimbursement Process Saves Time and Prevents Costly Mistakes**

Horne CPA Group instituted an on-line reimbursement process that allowed providers to enter claim data into a web-based claims system. Over 85% of providers utilized this process, which includes built-in checks and balances that prevent users from entering incorrect dates, codes and claims that do not meet the definition of "uncompensated."

Once the claims were processed and money distributed, users could access their EOB's on-line as well. Horne CPA Group plans to make additional improvements to this system for the 2003 claim year. Learn more about the system at your trauma region's workshop in January.

## **HAVE YOU BEEN PAID FOR A CLAIM THAT WAS ALREADY REIMBURSED THROUGH THE TRAUMA PROGRAM?**

If you have received payment from another source for a claim that was previously submitted to the Trauma Program and reimbursed by the Program, you must refund the Program. How do you refund the Program?

### **Follow these four steps:**

1. Providers must send a refund *to their Trauma Region* within thirty days of receipt of payment on any claim that has been reimbursed from the Fund from its inception in 1999.
2. Amount of refund is the *lesser* of (a) the amount reimbursed from the Fund on the claim and (b) the amount paid on the account by the patient, third party payor or other source.
3. A cover letter must be included which states the following:
  - a. Medical record number and date(s) of service of claim;
  - b. Amount previously reimbursed from the Fund;
  - c. Amount and date paid on the account;
  - d. Amount of enclosed check (lesser of "b" and "c")
4. Checks are made payable to their Trauma Region and should be mailed to their Trauma Region Director (*Contact information is shown on the following page*).

Please contact your trauma region coordinator for clarification of this policy.

## 2003 Program Updates



### **E-mail Addresses Needed**

Did you get this newsletter by e-mail? If not, that means we do not have your correct e-mail address. Contact via e-mail is faster and more convenient. Please e-mail [erin.granberry@hcpag.com](mailto:erin.granberry@hcpag.com) to provide your e-mail address.

### **Preparing for Claim Year 2004: Hospitals Must Achieve Complete Designation to Receive 100% of Reimbursement Funds Provisional Designation Means 50% Reimbursement**

Effective for the 2004 claim year (for services rendered January 1 – December 31, 2004) only hospitals with complete designation as a Mississippi trauma center will receive full reimbursement for uncompensated trauma care. Hospitals with provisional designation at the time of Fund disbursement will receive 50% of their reimbursement. The remaining half will be reallocated among trauma centers with complete designation. Please check with your hospital administration or trauma coordinator to determine your hospital's designation status. Qualified physicians who deliver uncompensated trauma care at the provisionally designated hospitals will also be affected. Those physicians will receive 50% reimbursement, and the remaining half will be reallocated among qualified physicians at fully designated trauma centers.

### **Emergency Medical Services Renamed**

Emergency Medical Services has a new name. It is now known as the Office of Emergency Planning and Response. Contact information for OPER has not changed:

Mississippi State Department of Health  
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P. O. Box 1700  
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### **Trauma ListServe Available for Providers**

The Office of Emergency Planning and Response moderates a ListServe for Mississippi trauma providers. Subscribers receive the latest news and updates on clinical and financial issues, and questions about the system are posted and discussed. To subscribe at no charge to this valuable service, send an e-mail to [SUBSCRIBE-Trauma-List@OHR.DOH.MS.GOV](mailto:SUBSCRIBE-Trauma-List@OHR.DOH.MS.GOV). Nothing else is required. You'll receive a confirmation e-mail that you have been subscribed, and you'll start receiving regular information that will keep you up-to-date on important trauma-related issues.

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